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"If You Let The People Know, They Can Act Intelligently"

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Some Work, Some Play As Vacation Comes For Israeli Youngsters

What do Israeli youngsters do during the summer vacation? Like American young people, some work, as shown above left where they help harvest grain, especially in the Negev, while others practice the arts. The dance group at right signifies Israel's new interest in folk dancing which has become the rage, despite some inroads in the cities from American jazz and rock and roll.

EXPLANATION IS DUE

ATTORNEY GENERAL Louis J. Lefkowitz of New York this week whitewashed the most brazen instance of hotel discrimination in American Jewish history.

This was not a situation where one man or even a group of men claimed that they were refused admission to a hotel. The documented evidence was presented to the attorney general by The POST and OPINION, and at the same time published in our issue of Jan. 29, 1960. The evidence was irrefutable.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, known hitherto for his fearlessness, might have come to the conclusion that although the facts are beyond contradition, the Castle Harbour Hotel in Bermuda in seeking to rid itself of its Jewish clientel—upgrading is the technical term in hotel parlance—broke no laws of the state of New York.

But this is not the tenor of Mr. Lefkowitz's press release. The press release merely states that the attorney general's office has concluded its inquiry, which incidentally took six months even though all the evidence was furnished in photostatic form to the New York officials by The POST and OPINION.

THE RELEASE equivoctes by saying that Mr. Lefkowitz "has received firm assurances that the New York State laws prohibiting discriminatory practices will be observed." It adds "that anyone who seeks accommodations at the Castle Harbour Hotel will find that the Wolfe Organization is not engaging in unlawful discriminatory practices."

The question Mr. Lefkowitz is whether the Wolfe Organization, as exposed in The POST and OPINION, was employed in order to rid the hotel of its Jewish clientele.

NO MENTION is made in the report by the attorney general of the owners of the hotel who employed the Wolfe Organization to carry through this 3-year program which would rid the Castle Harbour of the taint of being the hotel in Bermuda, to which Jews might be sent.

Bermuda has a long history of unfriendliness to Jews who sought to partake of the island's resort attractions. The Castle Harbour case offered Mr. Lefkowitz an opportunity to stamp out this evil. Mr. Lefkowitz muffed this one altogether, and we feel he owes the Jewish community an explanation.

N.Y. Attorney General Lets Bermuda Hotel Off the Hook

NEW YORK (P-O)—For years Bermuda was unfriendly territory for Jewish vacationers. Jews were refused accomodations at Bermuda's plush resort hotels.

In recent years, a breakthrough was made and many Jews vacationed in Bermuda. One hotel, the Castle Harbour decided things had got out of hand and decided to retain a New York hotel representative firm to "upgrade" the hotel's clientele by excluding Jews—just like old times.

THE WILLIAM Wolfe hotel representative firm allegedly reduced the high percentage of Jewish clientele at the Castle Harbour.

After a five month investigation, New York Attorney General Louis Lefkowitz decided there was insufficient evidence to charge the Wolfe firm with unlawful discriminatory practices.

Lefkowitz said he has received assurances from the Wolfe organization that the New York State laws prohibiting discriminatory practices will be observed.

THE NEW York Attorney General said he feels that anyone who seeks accommodations at the Castle Harbour hotel "will find that the Wolfe organization is not engaging in unlawful discriminatory practices."

The POST and OPINION furnished the Attorney General with documentation that the Wolfe firm had devised a plan to exclude Jews from the Castle Harbour.

According to a report (P-O, Jan. 28) Wolfe was given three years by the owner of the Castle Harbour to "get rid of the Jews." The program was allegedly known as "Operation Chug," short for "Castle Harbour Up Grading."

WOLFE'S NAME is the files of the Anti Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. He represents three previously notable restricted properties—The Tides Hotel, The Vinoy Park, and the Coronado in Florida.

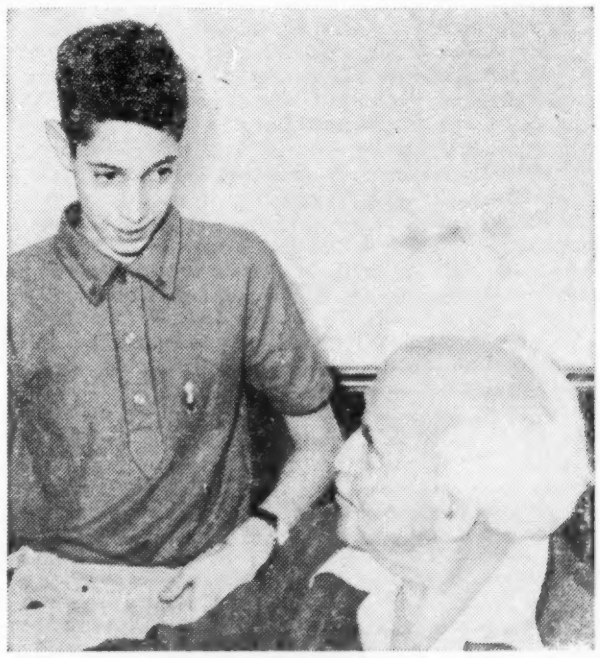
According to the POST and OPINION report, the Wolfe organization had taken on the appearances of a "B" Hollywood movie clandestine operation. The word "Jew" was never mentioned. Instead Jews were referred to in the Wolfe office as "X-ls."

WOLFE SALESMEN were sent out to travel agencies with instructions to override any resistance by travel agents on the "upgrading" policy by emphasizing the "positive angles." Wolfe salesmen were told to point that the Castle Harbour is undergoing extensive renonvations to its facilities, which are turning it into one of the finest hotels to be found anywhere. Such a hotel, of course, demands the agents "top clients" or non-Jews, they were instructed to tell the travel agents.

The New York Attorney General's investigation was handled by the Civil Rights Bureau recently created on a permanent full-time basis in the office of the Attorney General. In addition to the Wolfe Organization employees, large numbers of travel agents in New York were questioned.

Particular attention was directed in the investigation to the visits made by Wolfe representatives at the travel agencies reportedly in an effort to "upgrade" the clientele of the Castle Harbour Hotel, according to Lefkowitz's office.

Assistant Attorney General Shirley Adelson Siegel, head of the Civil Rights Bureau, was in charge of the investigation.



Some Bar Mitzva!

Not every Bar Mitzva youth is greeted by Israel Premier Ben-Gurion but here is Dan Opatoshu, 13-year-old son of noted Broadway and television actor, David Opatoshu, who celebrated his Bar Mitzva in Jerusalem recently. His dad is playing the role of Akiva in "Exodus." Ben-Gurion presented him with a personally-inscribed illustrated Bible in his office. Israel strongly encourages American families to have their child's Bar Mitzva celebrated in Israel.

Is Israel Taking Argentina Too Lightly?

NEW YORK (P-O)—The Argentine Jewish community is deeply concerned over the repercussions of the Eichmann case and a possible intensification of anti-Jewish sentiment, a Jewish Observer and Middle East Review correspondent reported.

In contrast, Israel is appearing to be taking an almost nonchalant view of the surprise announcement from Buenos Aires that Israeli Ambassador Arieh Levavia is no longer welcome there.

The Jewish Observer corresspondent commented that it is difficult to see what more Israel can—or is prepared to do—to placate the Argentinians. But certainly the Israel press is making a bad error in suggesting, as some papers have done, that Argentina is going through some meaningless and formalistic ritual, he wrote.

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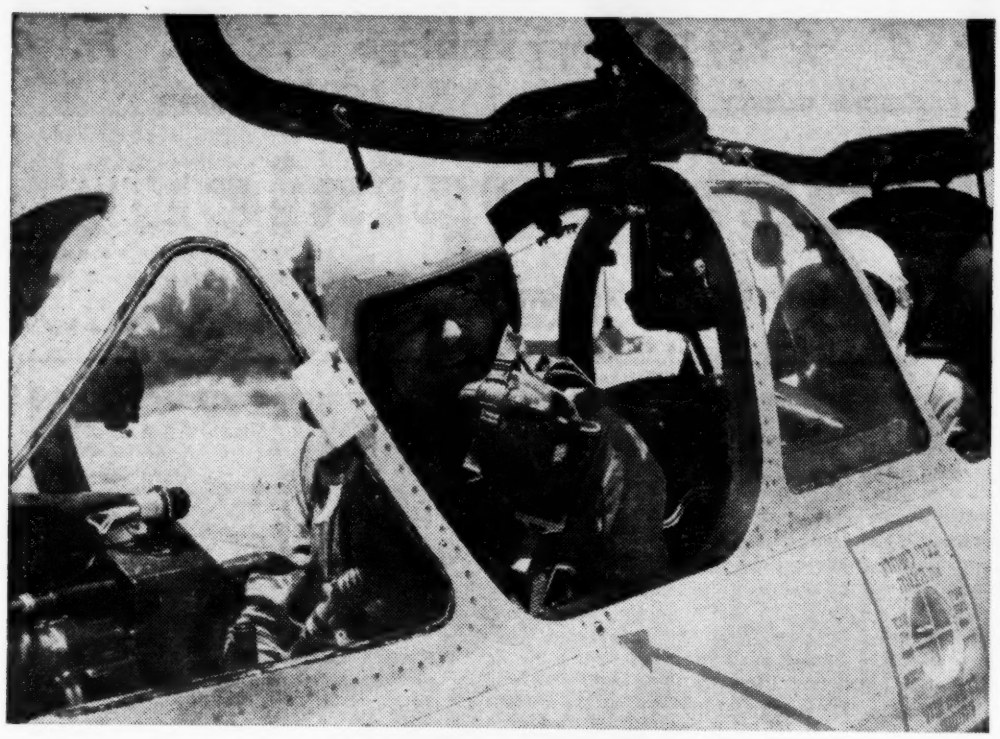

Israeli Test Pilot

Test pilot of the first jet trainer assembled in Israel, Hugo Marom, checks the controls of the jet trainer before flight. The plane will be the standard trainer of the Israel Air Force.

Jewish Bonus Star Signed by Dodgers

By LEONARD LEADER

LOS ANGELES (P-O) — As prophesized in an exclusive interview in the March 11 issue of the National Jewish POST and OPINION a new Jewish pitcher is headed for the big leagues.

THE LOS ANGELES Dodgers signed Bruce Gardner, ace University of Southern California pitcher, to a contract calling for a bonus of more than $20,000. Gardner, the grandson of a Boyle Heights Rabbi, will start with the Dodger's farm club in Montreal.

Gardner is a graduate of Fairfax High which produced two other Jewish baseball stars with the Dodgers—the catcher Norm Sherry and the World Series hero — pitcher Larry Sherry (brothers).

Gardner, who also boasts of a singing voice, inherited from his late father and a cantor uncle, Max Gardner, said he davened musof at his bar mitzva at Los Angeles' Etz Jacob synagogue.

In the spring USC's baseball coach, Rod Dedaux, had said Gardner "can't miss becoming a big bonus player in the next few months."

Gardner has expressed the opinion that Jewish families still favored lawyers and doctors, not baseball players. A June graduate, Gardner had lived on campus with his widowed mother, and was a member of Hillel.

Restrictions Over Arabs Will Be Eased Again

NAZARETH (P-O)—There will shortly be a further easing of Military Government restrictions of Israel's Arab population, Shimon Peres, Deputy Minister of Defense said here.

HUNDREDS OF JEWISH REFUGEES FROM CONGO HESITATE BEFORE ACCEPTING OFFER TO GO TO ISRAEL

JOHANNESBURG (P-O)—Only nine refugees in Salisburg, out of the thousand Jewish refugees from the Congo, have accepted an offer of resettlement in Israel.

The offer to the Jewish refugees was made by the South African Zionist Federation's Aliya Department. The nine refugees had lost all their possessions and were due to leave for Israel this week.

Many are delaying their decision about leaving for Israel in the hope that they can still salvage something from the wreckage of the last few weeks.

M. H. Sharon, the Israeli Trade Consul in South Africa, on instructions from Israel, went to Bulawayo, Salisbury, and Copperbelt in the Congo to spread the word that Jewish refugees would be welcome in the Congo, the London Jewish Chronicle reported.

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Kimche Says

Parties' Platform 'Planks' on Israel Are Just So Much Hot Air

LONDON (P-O) — Americans this week are recuperating from the ordeal of spending two weeks in front of their trusty television sets watching the two parties select their presidential nominee.

And along with the midsummer madness of picking candidates, the old sport of building platforms took up some sizeable time at the convention.

For the past several conventions, it has become traditional for the Zionists and the American Council for Judaism to lock horns in bitter combat before the platform committee and state their case. This year was no exception.

THERE WAS the rather undignified squabble before the Democratic platform committee between pro-Israeli elements and the Council until committee chairman, Chester Bowles, decided there were some other world problems to be discussed as well as the Arab-Israel conflict.

Anyway, the pro-Israelis carried the day with a "plank" in the Democratic platform which made them very happy. It reads as follows:

"In the Middle East we will work for guarantees to ensure independence for all states. We will encourage direct settlement of Arab-Israel peace negotiations, the resettlement of Arab refugees in lands where there is room for them, an end to boycotts and blockades, and unrestricted use of the Suez Canal by all nations."

EVERYBODY was happy. The Democrats with an eye cocked at an imagined Jewish vote were happy and so were the pro-Israelis. The Republicans' "plank" on the Arab-Israel conflict was somewhat less short and restrained but pro-Israelis could not be offended by the GOP platform.

The editor of the Jewish Observer and Middle East Review, Jon Kimche, had some penetrating observations to make on the whole platform business regarding the Arab-Israel situation.

Kimche said the "planks" on the Arab-Israel conflict were inserted with equal energy and enthusiasm into the Democratic and Republican party platforms for the 1956 Presidential election.

They were just as emphatic in their avowals on behalf of Israel in 1956, but when it came to a test in the Sinai campaign a few months after the conventions were over, no one thought of or mentioned the planks or the platforms, Kimche noted.

For platforms are designed to win elections, not for the conduct of governmental policy.

"BUT THERE is another side to the platform story," Kimche said. "I wonder sometimes whether most of the propaganda organizations, both the anti-Israelis and the pro-Israelis, are not barking up the wrong trees?"

Does all this great effort to get the national conventions say something nice about Israel, or about Nasser, really matter, Kimche asked.

The editor of the Jewish Observer and Middle East Review commented:

"BUT IS THERE anything sillier than the all too familiar comment in which the Jewish press seems to specialize? We are getting it now in the wake of the Kennedy nomination. Mr. Shmalzkop, the well-known Jewish communal leader, we are told, has twice drunk tea with the Senator, while Mr. X has actually discussed Jews with Kennedy. And then, of course, there are Ribicoff and Raskin and Feldman who have been Kennedy's friends and advisers for years, and who really ran the campaign and will be there when they are wanted, and so on and so forth."

All this adds up to very little when it comes to the President or the Secretary of State or the Pentagon making a policy decision on Israel once they are in power, Kimche said. This is politics and especially power politics, he said. They have very little to do with planks. Only when the propagandists begin to understand this, will their propaganda become more effective and more realistic, Kimche said.

ISRAEL TESTS GUIDED MISSILES

JERUSALEM (P-O) — The Israel army is undergoing arduous summer training.

This year the training lasts two months and will incorporate reservists, will co-ordinate infantry and paratroop units, and will combine land and air operations.

The emphasis, however, will be put on testing the new Israeli guided missiles intended for defense against the Soviet tanks of the United Arab Republic.

ISRAEL-ARGENTINE RELATIONS 'DORMANT'

JERUSALEM (P-O) — The Israel Government is believed to have reconciled itself to a "dormant crisis" in Israel-Argentina relations.

Normal and cordial relations between Argentina and Israel are not expected to be restored for several months.

After Argentina's decision to declare the Israel Ambassador, Arieh Levavi, persona non grata, no further moves on the part of either Argentina or Israel are expected.

In an Israel Cabinet meeting last week, several Cabinet Ministers voiced criticism of the Israeli Foreign Ministry during several stages of the Israel-Argentine dispute.

This criticism was based on the assumption that Israel diplomatic activities in Buenos Aires concentred mainly on official contracts with the Argentine Foreign Ministry, and that not enough was done to rally influential public opinion in Argentina to Israel's support.

1 Out of 7 Males Marry Non-Jews

NEWCASTLE, England (P-O) — Approximately one out of seven Jewish males marry a non-Jewess, Dayan M. Steinberg told a meeting here. He said the rate of intermarriage for males was 15 percent, while for Jewish girls it was only one per cent, according to The Jewish Chronicle of London.

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I THINK AS I PLEASE

Israel's Favorite Song 'I Love Paris' Turns Out To Be Embarrasing

By CARL ALPERT

HAIFA—For some years the relationship between France and Israel has been close and cordial. The period during and after the Suez campaign marked a high spot in these relations. On the part of Israel there was love, respect and gratitude for French support, not only during the fighting, but during the difficult political struggles that followed as well on the part of France there was admiration and affection for the plucky little country which was standing up for its rights so courageously.

Alpert

The French Ambassador in Israel became the most popular member of the diplomatic corps. Thousands of Israelis enrolled for the study of the French language at various evening classes and courses.

IN NOVEMBER, 1959, the two countries signed a Cultural Treaty which called for certain mutual arrangements. Hebrew was granted the status of a recognized subject in French high schools and universities. Exchange of teachers and students was planned. French was granted recognition, together with English, as a first foreign language in the schools of Israel. Other items were set down for gradual implementation in a program designed to advance friendship and cultural cooperation.

At the time the agreement was greeted with universal approbation in Israel, but unforeseen difficulties have now arisen.

In most Israel schools English is introduced as a foreign language beginning in the sixth grade of elementary school, and instruction is continued until the pupil graduates high school. Pursuant to the treaty with France, the Ministry selected several leading schools at which the teaching of French was introduced in the sixth grade. The reaction from the parents was immediate.

THE GENERAL desire is that the children learn English. It is the language required for admission to most of the country's high schools. It is essential for any student who wishes to continue at the Hebrew University or the Technion, since most supplementary readings and research are conducted in English. Parents whose children were shunted off into the French classes expressed the fear that the careers and academic future of their youngsters would be impaired.

The Ministry of Education has declared that no child would be compelled to take French instead of English against his will, but the need to satisfy the terms of the treaty with France exists. Indeed, the representatives of the French government have already hinted delicately that Israel has not yet complied with the agreement.

THE SITUATION has become embarrassing. A leading daily newspaper, like Davar, which is considered the foremost spokesman of the government point of view, carried a leading article warning that pressure should not be used on pupils and parents. Perhaps the trend to French should be made more gradual. Perhaps the children should be encouraged to join French clubs and culture circles, after school hours. Perhaps more attention should be centered on the high schools where, in any event, pupils must elect a second foreign language in addition to English.

In the meantime, the Israel post office has completed a shift-over to French. All signs and directories in the Israel post offices are in Hebrew and French only. Application forms and orders of various kinds are also in those two languages only. Tourists who speak English only are often at a loss.

IT WILL BE extremely difficult to eradicate the cultural stamp which the British left upon this country, however. The second language here is English. Despite all the good will for France, and despite all the efforts of the government to implement its cultural treaty, French will never gain equal standing in Israel with English.

Attempts to force French down the throats of the Israelis can lead only to a bitter and vociferous resistance which will not cantribute to the advancement of close friendship be tween the two countries concerned. In the meantime, the French are pressing, and the Jerusalem authorities have a problem on their hands.

Your Name

By N. PEARLROTH

Want to know what your name means? Address your questions to Mr. Pearlroth, National Jewish POST and OPINION, Box 1633, Indianapolis 6, Indiana.

DEAR MR. PEARLROTH: I would like to ask you about our name. In this country it is Ferman. Our father came from a part of Rumania. He said his family spelled their name with a von, then Ferman after it.—AUDREY FERMAN, St. Louis, Mo.

FERMAN as a Rumanian family name dates back to the days before 1859 when Rumania was under the domination of the Turkish Sultan. The word "ferman" means an imperial decree signed by the head of a Moslem state. In your case it must have been a Turkish license signed by the Sultan which authorized your ancestor to operate a business on Rumanian territory. It was later proudly converted into a family name. I cannot find any probable reason for the particle "von" which indicates German nobility in connection with the Ferman family.

Pearlroth

DEAR MR. PEARLROTH: I would appreciate you giving me information regarding the origin of our family name Raphan. My parents and grandparents came from the section called Galicia in Poland. In Europe they spelled their name Rebhun, Rebhan, or Rabhan, etc. Thank you very much.—BERNARD RAPHAN, New York 1, N. Y.

RAPHAN or REBHUHN is a partridge in German. Your family name was originally a house sign, a painted board which served to identify a house before house numbers were thought of. The bird represented on the house sign of your family was more likely a quail which was often miscalled a partridge. The various spellings of the name are not only Yiddish variants but they all occur in the original German. The name is also borne by non-Jews but in their case it indicates a connection with the chase.

Minneapolis Talmud Torah Board Rejects 3-Day Classroom Schedule

MINNEAPOLIS (P-O) — The Minneapolis Talmud Torah's board of directors unanimously rejected a proposal for a 3-day classroom schedule.

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THE WOMEN'S VIEWPOINT

Using 'Company' Manners With Your Mate Will Go A Long Way Towards Building a Happy Marriage

By HELEN COHEN

One of our readers in Canada expressed some strong feelings about couples having some sort of arrangement, say for about three years, to try out their marriage in order to ascertain whether they are really meant for each other. It's not difficult to figure why he is concerned about this since the religious climate in Canada is one which makes divorce and remarriage practically an impossibility.

Helen

For the benefit of our Canadian reader I came across an item in the papers which described an old Scotch custom. Speaking of his legendary thriftiness, the article explained that the Scotsman "was no less cautious when he chose a wife than when he bought a suit of clothes. In olden times the Scottish Highlander practiced 'handfasting,' a custom of temporary marriage. If, after a year, love turned sour, the couple parted."

I SHOULD warn our Canadian readers that aside from the fact that there is little likelihood of trial marriage being accepted legally today, there is a weak spot in his arrangement. As long as a couple believe they are on trial, whether it is a year or three of whatever, they will continue to be on their best or "company" behavior. The young men and women who go courting, lets not fool ourselves, make an effort to put their best foot forward, to be polite and thoughtful, to wear their girdle (female) or keep that chin shaved (male), to pay the pretty compliment and hold back the show of temper or dissatisfaction. You know the old saying about using honey not vinegar to catch a fly.

AND THAT brings me to the thought that with divorce so easily obtainable these days, most couples better bear in mind, once the marriage vows are spoken, that it isn't such an irrevocable situation anymore. They're not tied for life to this mate. And the mate is not tied ditto to them. It is no longer possible to get away with some of the unpleasant behavoir that mascuraded under the heading of "home truths." The criticizing and desire to make over a mate. Trying to improve their manners or change their interests to suit your own. Electra.

AND THAT brings me one step further. It is a shame that "home truths" must be so much less pleasant than "company manners. Since our near and dear ones are so much more important to us than strangers, why shouldn't we use our "company" manners on them even more than on strangers, being just as patient, slow to take offense, as thoughtful, and lavish with the sweet talk and compliment instead of always trying to improve our family in the process, finding fault. Then the person you marry would continue to be the same one you courted, you know, the same gentle, considerate, loving sweetheart. And so would you. And there would be no need for trial marriage.

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Kennedy Supports a New Approach To Solve Old Arab-Israel Conflict

WASHINGTON (P-O) — What is Democratic party nominee for president, Senator John F. Kennedy's views on issues affecting American Jews?

Kennedy said in the Senate recently, "We must formulate, with both imagination and restraint, a new approach to the Middle East—not pressing our case so hard that the Arabs feel their neutrality and nationalism are threatened, but accepting those forces and seeking to help channel them along constructive lines, while at the same time trying to hasten the inevitable Arab acceptance of the permanence of Israel."

KENNEDY SAID, "We must give our support to programs to help people instead of regimes —to work in terms of their problems, not ours—and seek a permanent settlement among Arabs and Israelis based not on an armed truce but on mutual self-interest.

"Guns and anti-Communist pacts and propaganda and the traditional piecemeal approach are not enough—refugee resettlement and a regional resources development fund in full partnership with the Middle Eastern nations, all are part of a long range strategy which is most practical and in the best interests of all concerned," he declared.

Regarding the McCarran-Walter Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, Kennedy during the Senate debate on the Act called for the revision of the law. He said it was "developed under the illusion that we are a nation of separate nationalities and such a law divides rather than unifies us."

KENNEDY called for replacing the national origins system of quotas—based on the U.S. census of 1920—with a formula dependent on the family relationship between citizens and resident aliens and those who are seeking admittance.

"Perhaps most important," he said in criticizing the McCarran Act, "is the fact that it is based upon an unnatural fear that we cannot assimilate people with different customs and different habits."

Kennedy also introduced a bill to curb bombings of buildings used for educational, religious or civic purposes.

The Kennedy bill was aimed at prohibiting certain acts involving the importation, transportation, possession or use of explosives for illegal purposes. This would enable the FBI to investigate when a bombing of a synagogue occurs.

Nixon Blasts Arab Boycott

WASHINGTON, D. C. (P-O)—In a letter to Label A. Katz, president of B'nai B'rith, dated June 7, Vice-President Richard Nixon, the Republican standard bearer, expressed the following views on the Arab boycott and the Suez Canal issue:

"When I visited Poland last year, I had occasion to lay a wreath at the memorial marking the remains of the Warsaw Ghetto. More than ever, on that occasion, I recognized that racial or religious discrimination ends in the destruction of human values by which our civilization must live if it is to endure. For this reason, I shall never be satisfied until peaceful and workable measures have been found and adopted to eliminate every trace of such practices against our citizens . . .

". . . While nothing in the agreement (with Saudi Arabia) excludes American servicemen of Jewish faith, in fact the Saudi Arabian government has done so indirectly, in exercising its sovereign right to control internal matters, by refusing to issue them visas. This is admittedly an unsatisfactory state of affairs—one which we cannot merely accept as unavoidable and one which we shall continue, with diligence and patience, to try to correct.

"Consistent with the policy that the United Statess Government neither recognizes nor condones the Arab boycott, we must, by every available and effective instruments, continue to pursue every means to restore and protect completely private American interests.

"With regard to the matter of the Suez Canal, the United States Government has unequivocally affirmed its suport of the principle that there should be freedom of transit through the Canal for all nations, including Israel . . . We must continue to press for the effective implementation of the principle of freedom of the seas and free access to international waterways, and the protection of the interests of American seamen and shipping now being discriminated against by the Arab boycott and blacklisting policy.

". . . the United States Government has been most directly concerned with the problems of peace, security and economic development in the Middle East. We have recognized that the independence and integrity of Israel, and the Arab countries of the area are of vital concern to the United States. I believe that our Government must continue to use every suitable occasion, both within and outside the United Nations, to facilitate progress toward a mutually acceptable solution of the Arab-Israel conflict, based on amity and recognition of each other's existence and independence . . ."

Jerusalem Post Columnist Says

Next U.S. President Won't Change Mid-East Policy

JERUSALEM (P-O) — Jerusalem Post columnist, Mandel Kobansky, declared that whoever becomes next president of the United States, is yet unlikely to produce a new American approach to the Middle East problem, a Jerusalem columnist declared.

The columnist, Mandel Kobansky, said: "'Viewed from Jerusalem, the American presidential election seems to arouse little more than academic interest."

About the Democratic party nominee, Sen. John F. Kennedy, Kobansky said: "Friendly towards Israel, but he never went out of his way to show his friendship."

Senator Kennedy recently indicated that his views on the Middle East are not essentially different from those of the average American student of this area's affairs, Kobansky said.

Meeting Tries To Heal Old Jabotinsky Wounds

TEL AVIV (P-O) — Although Vladimir Jabotinsky has been dead for twenty years, a legacy of bitterness has surrounded the legend of the great and controversial Zionist leader even to this day.

Last week in Tel Aviv, Israel took the first step in rehabilitating the memory of the Revisionist leader and in recognizing the role he played in the Zionist movement.

On Premier Ben-Gurion's initiative, President Ben-Zvi invited 150 prominent Israelis to his home for a commemorative meeting for the late Zionist leader. The meeting was interpreted as a reconciliation between two rivals—the Revisionist movement and the Zionist movement — a feud which has lasted almost four decades, the London Jewish Chronicle reported.

It is reliably reported here that this first conciliatory step will be followed by another: the transfer of the Jabotinsky's remains to Israel.

President Ben-Zvi described Jabotinsky as "a proud Jew, a great poet and writer, patron of Jewish self-defence, and a great Zionist statesman who predicted the birth of Israel but who did not have the good fortune to live to see the State arise."

Ben-Zvi spoke of Jabotinsky's part in organising the first Jewish self-defence unit in Jerusalem (for which, in 1920, he was sentenced by a British military tribunal to 15 years' imprisonment but soon reprieved), and his activities in forming the Jewish Legion in Britain during the First World War, while Ben-Zvi and Ben-Gurion were simultaneously recruiting volunteers in the United States.

DEATHS

American Legion Leader Dies

VIRGINIA, Minn. (P-O)—Nate V. Keller, 66, a national leader of the American Legion, died near here in a automobile accident. He was serving as national vice commander of the American Legion. He had been active in the organization for forty years. He was also active in Minnesota Jewish communal affairs.

JACOB MOUCHLY

HAIFA (P-O)—Jacob Moucly one of Israel's outstanding engineers, passed away in Zurich at the age of 74. The British named him the first senior Jewish official of Palestine Railways in 1919.

A. L. RIKIS

TEL AVIV (P-O)—A. L. Riklis, renowned Jewish journalist and author who wrote under the pen name "Lirik" died here. He was 74. For the last decade, he served as Israel correspondent of the Jewish Daily Forward of New York. He worked for many New York Yiddish dailies until he went to Israel in 1951.

Kashrut Violater Caught In Act

NEW YORK (P-O)—A kosher meat market operator was fined $100 by a Kings County Court of Special Sessions for violating the New York State Kosher Law.

Martin Kaminsky, a Brooklyn Kosher market owner, was trailed by Inspectors working under the Shepherd Z. Baum, Chief Supervisor of Kosher Law Enforcement in New York. Kaminsky was caught coming out of a non-Kosher market where he purchased meats and brought him into his Kosher store.

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Kaye, Chandler Added to Arab Boycott List Against Jewish Hollywood Stars

HOLLYWOOD (P-O) — Danny Kaye and Jeff Chandler have joined the select group of Hollywood film stars who have been banned in the Arab world.

Other screen stars who have been banned in the Arab world are Elizabeth Taylor, Marilyn Monroe, Sammy Davis Jr. and Edward G. Robinson.

Hollywood studio executives have adopted a 'couldn't care less" attitude since the Arab countries are a very insignificant market for American-made films.

Anti-Semitic Leaflets Infest Rio

RIO DE JANEIRO (P-O) — Anti-Semitic pamphlets inciting against the Jewish population of Brazil have recently been received by the Brazilian press. The pamphlets are signed by the "Central Secretariat of Aryan Cavaliers in Brazil — Ku Klux Klan."

Tucker Nearly Causes A Riot

TEL AVIV (P-O)—A near riot broke out in the Mann Auditorium when it was announced that Richard Tucker, the Metropolitan Opera tenor, was too ill to appear.

The angry crowd was placated when several Italian opera stars agreed to fill the breach.

ISRAEL BROADCASTS TO AFRICA

HAIFA—Kol Israel will beam radio broadcasts to Africa in various African languages and dialetcs, it was announced here

Digest of the Yiddish Press

Goldwater, First Person of Jewish Descent Nominated for President

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

Barry Goldwater may be the first person of Jewish descent ever to be nominated for the presidency of the United States, but that brings no joy to I. Sigel, of the Forward, who tags him a McCarthyite.

Silver

Son of an immigrant and intermarried, Goldwater has a brother active in Jewish affairs, but he would not even take a position in the meeting of the Republican platform committee on the Israel question.

Contrast his attitude, says Sigel, with that of Sen. Javits, a proud Jew who is Goldwater's antipode in the GOP. Sigel is not proud either of Clarence Coleman, who tried to persuade Republicans to Arabize their Middle East plank. Like the Democrats,, the Republicans came through with a pro-Israel statement, thankss to Javits and others, including Col. Julius Klein. Goldwater became an Episcopalian long ago.

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THE CASE OF Jews who leave Israel was dealt with recently by Ephraim Auerbach, in the Day-Journal. He expressed the hope that his discussion would not offend Zionists or Israelis. His article evoked interesting letters.

One of them came from Joshua Neshri, an Israeli studying at Columbia university, who said the matter ought to be publicly aired, although he regrets the action of people who came to Israel, were rehabilitated and then walked out. He reminds such (known in Hebrew as yordim; singular yorayd) that their Israeli citizenship is held for them for five years or until they become naturalized elsewhere.

ANOTHER reader, Baruch Kler, says that the yordim are good riddance and he cites the case of a black marketeer, now living in Chicago, who got out of Israel because that nation had the "nerve to arrest a Jew."

But the most paignant of the letters is from a Mrs. Anonymour, who says she left Israel because she was sure in the U. S. she would find a better life. She did, materially, but emotionally her life is emptier now than ever. And her children are suffering acutely. She writes: "No television program can substitute for the life a child lives in Israel, so full of substance, interest, and idealism. The most elegant home here cannot replace the joy one feels on Israel independence day, or at a Purim adloyada, or from experiencing the Shabbos in Israel, which can almost be tasted. Millions cannot buy those experiences. What good is the sweet cake, if the soul is embittered?"

The lady writes that she would like to return to Israel, but it would be a lot of trouble and would mean endless humiliation.

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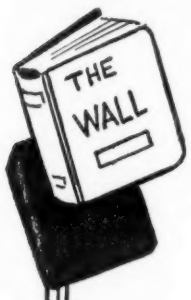

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Anti-Defamation League of B.B., 515 Madison Ave, NYC 22.

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Community Service Bureau of Torah Vodaath, 141 S 3 St., Brooklyn 11, New York, EV 7-1065

Community Service Division, Yeshiva University, 186th st & Amsterdam av., NYC 33, LO 8-8400.

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Herzliah Hebrew Teachers Institute, 314 W 91 St., NYC 24, TR 7-4885

Israel Government Tourist Office, 574 5th Ave., NYC 36, CO 5-2750

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'Exodus' Challenging For U.S. Composer

TEL AVIV (P-O) — Although movie-crazy Israel has been al agog over the filming of "Exodus" here the past few months —few have heard of Ernest Gold.

Gold is composing and scoring the music for the film. Gold is in Israel to "absorb the Israel spiritual atmosphere." He told a Johannesburg Jewish Herald correspondent Israel is: "The singingest country . . . always singing, at home, in the streets, on trucks—just everywhere."

Exodus requires dramatic themes for all its principal characters—andthis created quite a few headaches for the composer. The theme that plagued him most was Ari Ben Canaan's. It runs for merely half a minute but took him 25 hours to write In fact he composed 18 versions before deciding on a suitable one.

The high point in the film is reached, according to Mr. Gold, near the end after the Arab boy, Taher and the 15 year old Jewish girl, Karen, are senselessly killed. While Ari makes his momentous speech, the orchestra and chorus rise to a climax.

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How Do You Collect Delinquent Dues, School Tuition Fees?

By MYRON SCHOEN

A question frequently asked by synagogue board members and officers is: "How does one go about collecting delinquent dues and school tuition fees "

Too frequently the answers you get represent extremes. From one source you get the reaction that there is little or nothing one can do, for action may result in the loss of a member.

From the opposite end you can expect the reaction that can best be translated by the expression, "No pay, no pray!"

EXPERIENCE has shown that delinquency is not a major problem for the majority of our synagogues at this time. Investigation does indicate that synagogues with a delinquency problem have failed, in most instances, to give the situation the serious thought it requires and to institute an organized system for the collection of dues and fees.

The first step in creating a system for the collection of dues and fees.

The first step in creating a system for the collection of membership dues and fees is a billing schedule—a schedule that can and will be adhered to throughout the congregational year and not a hit or miss proposition. Families will pay their bills if they are billed — although they may be a week or month behind.

You cannot expect them to remember when their synagogue obligations are due and how much they are owing. Members should be billed for their full years dues and fees in advance on or before the start of the congregational year. If you have a quarterly or semi-annual system of payments, statements should be sent out at least two weeks in advance of the due date, just as most commercial establishments do on their accounts receivable.

Arrangements must also be made for a follow-up on synagogue billings — it cannot be left to chance. If payment is not received within two weeks, a "second notice" should go out via the mails and a special rubber stamp imprinted upon each such statement calling the member's attention to the fact that this is a second billing which is due.

IF AT THE end of a month the payment has not been forthcoming and the member has not contacted the finance committee to explain their inability to meet their obligation, a telephone call of reminder should be made. If the telephone contact falls on the job, the finance committee should then immediately designate a representative to personally visit the member, elicit the entire story and report his finding to the committee.

While the preceding paragraphs on the collection of dues and fees are similar to procedures folowed by most commercial concerns, we are not advocating a "no pay, no pray" approach. In all instances we find that synagogue finance committees lean over backwards to assure that no one is denied the facilities of the synagogue and that no child is deprived of the opportunity to attend religious or Hebrew school because of family financial difficulties.

IN THE May, 1960 issue of the bulletin of Temple Sholom of Phoenix, Ariz., we noted the following paragraph announcing the schedule of High Holyday services:

". . . tickets will not be issued to High Holyday services to any dues-delinquent member nor will their children be allowed to enter the religious or Hebrew school for the next term . . . the policy of the temple remains unchanged (in regard to hardship cases). Those qualified are entitled to contact or confidential financial committee."

Is this not a "no pay, no pray" policy? Not at all! This is a policy that we strongly urge every congregation to consider and adopt and to make known to its membership in advance of the High Holyday period and long before registration for religious and Hebrew school.

THE DOORS of our synagogues and its many programs and facilities are open wide to all who wish to worship or participate in its activities every week in the year. The rabbis of our synagogues serve the needs of the Jewish community, members and non-members alike,, day in and day out throughout the year. Our synagogue buildings serve the entire community, affiliated and non-affiliated.

There must be one time of the year when the synagogue has the right to call its own members to an accounting and ask the unaffiliated as well to stand up and be counted.

It is not a violation of the ethics of our faith to ask the Jews of the community to make their contribution to the support of the synagogue at the High Holyday season. There must be one time of the year when this should be done and synagogue boards and officers must recognize that the Holydays and school registration represent the apropriate time to do so. Failure to take the necessary action may well lead to a delinquency problem for your synagogue later in the congregational year.

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Your Reputation Can Be Made With A Little Color

By SARAH LIEBER

I am reminded of the great part color and texture play in our food tastes. The association of spice importers and packagers asks, "Have you ever tried to eat an all-white meal? Think of starting with a white cream soup, then a main course of rice, cauliflower, boiled fish, white bread—with a snow white blanc mange as dessert!"

Sarah

All these are good foods, of course, but without the added touches of color and some zip in flavoring this would be an almost unappealing menu. If paprika is added to the fish, for example, the attractiveness is much improved.

IN SUMMERTIME especially, we homemakers should pay special attention to the eye appeal of foods we serve. Contrasts are especially welcome hot and cold; bland and nippy, crisp and soft. Color contrasts are good. The platters or individual services can be made "as pretty as a picture" with a little garnish here and there. And if it is a favorite edible one your reputation is made.

But let's have none of these far fetched food designs to look like what they're not . . . you know the variety: the candle made of banana; the rag doll made of canned fruit, and so on. Foods in themselves are lovely to look at if attention is paid to cutting vegetables in uniform shapes and sizes for certain dishes, fluting cucumber slices, marinating fresh fruits in lemon juice to retain the fresh color, and so on. And a little sprig of mint or parsley goes a long way in dressing up the plate.

SALADS, BREADS, desserts can be the party touch for any summer meal. Bake in the cool of the morning or late evening, while you sit on the porch to get that late breeze. Today's ranges are equipped to give the cook a minimum of watching time. And a little homemade cake or pie makes a berya of the simplest cook.

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2 lbs. fresh sweet cherries, pitted
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6 tblsps. sugar
½ tsp. salt
¾ tsp. baking powder
½ cup butter or margarine
2 eggs, lightly beaten
milk to moisten
½ tsp. almond extract
½ cup sliced, blanched almonds or other nuts
whipped cream, optional

Sift sugar, flour, salt and baking powder together. Cut in butter and add beaten eggs. If necessary add a few drops of milk. Add almond extract. Pat dough with finger and press over the bottom of a 10 x 13 inche baking dish which has been lightly buttered. Sprinkle almonds over dough. Add pitted cherries and press both gently down into the dough. Brush with melted butter or margarine. Sprinkle with 2 cups sugar. Bake 15 minutes at 475 degrees. Reduce heat to 350 degrees for 20 minutes, or until cherries are tender, and pastry is golden brown. Cut into squares and serve hot or cold with whipped cream if desired. Serves 12.

SPICED LAMB PATTY AND VEGETABLE SKILLET

6 lamb patties (made of chopped lean lamb) ½ lb. each
12 small potatoes, peeled whole or halved
2 cups sliced carrots
6 whole allspice
2 tsps. salt
¼ tsp. fresh ground black pepper
1 cup hot water
2 tblsps. minced onion
1½ cups diced celery
1½ cups shelled fresh peas

Brown the patties on both sides in the skillet. Drain off excess fat from pan. Add vegetables and water. Cover and bring to the boiling point. Add spices and salt and lower heat to simmer point. Cook 25 minutes or until vegetables are tender crisp. Remove cover and cook a few minutes longer to reduce liquid. Add an einbren to thicken gravy if desired. Serves four to six.

ZUCCHINI DE LUXE

1 medium onion, sliced
2 tblsps. shortening or oil
1 cup chopped tomatoes
⅔ tsp. salt
freshly ground black pepper to taste
1 bay leaf
pinch of basil
3 medium zucchini, cut into 1 inch pieces, unpared

Cook the onion in the shortening or oil until golden brown in color. Add tomatoes, salt, pepper, bay leaf and herb. Simmer 5 minutes. Add zucchini, cover tightly, lower heat and cook 15 minutes or until tender. Serves four to six.

HERBED SALMON CHEESEBURGERS

1 can (1 lb.) salmon
liquid drained from can plus enough milk to make ½ cup total
¾ cup dry bread crumbs
1 egg, beaten
1 tsp. salt
¼ tsp. ground black pepper
1 bay leaf, finely crumbled
1 tblsp. instant onion flakes
5 slices American type cheese
tomato sauce

Drain and flake salmon. Mix the liquid and milk with the bread crumbs, egg and seasonings. Add to salmon. Shape into 10 patties 3½ inches in diameter. Cut cheese slices into 3 inch rounds and place 1 cheese round between each 2 patties. Press together at the edges. Brown on both sides in hot shortening. Serve on hot mashed potatoes or between split, toasted hamburger buns. Add tomato gravy or sauce as desired. Serves five.

A Word to the Wives

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BOOKS

They're Off and Running With Eichmann Books

EICHMANN: MAN OF SLAUGTER, by John Donovan, $0.35 Avon.

The first of the several projected Eichman volumes is a paperback, well executed by a former intelligence officer, who not alone knew the places and facts, but availed himself of the aid of a number of good reporters, including the POST and OPINION's Charles Roth and Gershon Jacobson. All the important and horrendous facts are here, with documents reproduced and a number of photographs. The story of the pursuit and capture heads the chapters.

Burstein

THE TREASURE OF THE COPPER SCROLL, by John Marco Allegro, $4.95 (Doubleday).

The author of two previous works on the Dead Sea Scrolls, great archaeologist, philologist, and teacher, Dr. Allegro now delights scholar and general reader with his account of the preservation and decipherment of a later discovery of a crumbling copper scroll.

The book itself, illustrated with many photographs, line drawingss, and textual reproductions, is magnificently produced, though with some errors in translation.

The importance of this scroll, completely acounted for in place, time, and history, is its disclosure of great stores of treasure in various concealment. The golden-silver hoard is believed to have been hidden in a cave by the fighting Zealots. Allegro pleads for men and money to continue the Scroll researches, which to him "have the potentiality of a bridge between at least two of the world's great religions."

The book is dedicated to King Hussein; there is no mention of Israel's part in acquiring the first scrolls—only "their sale in the United States fetched a quarter of a million dollars."

ISRAEL RESURGENT, by Norman Bentwich, $6.50 (Praeger).

Lover of Zion, soldier in Palestine, attorney-general of the mandatory government, and for 20 years professor at the Hebrew university, Prof. Bentwich has proven most effectual of the depicters and historians of the land that is now Israel. His previous works on the Holy Land were impressively complete and informed. The present book, one of the Nations of the Modern World series, is assuredly a climatic achievement of his several previous volumes; it is written with scholarly detachment, but with obvious devotion to his people, in dispersion and at home. The background chapters are supplemented by animadversions on the Sinai crisis, before and after, and an account of the status of all world Jewry. The achievements of the nation in all fields are fully recounted.

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("The land of Israel is today the acknowledged spiritual center of the Jews in dispersion.") Appendixes include the proclamation of independence, the law of return, the general armistice agreement, statistics, and a brief bibliography. There are also a map and index. This is the one volume today for every lover of Zion.

I SHALL GLORIFY HIM, by Maurice Lamm, $1.75 (Bloch).

As a study guide of Wouk's "This Is My God," Rabbi Lamm has chosen the remainder of that biblical quotation. He offers capsule reviews of Wouk's chapters, arguments for and against, questions, and comments. The bibliographical references are well chosen. A learned and practical handbook, utile and valuable for every kind of Jew.

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Russians Meet Problems At Aswan Dam—Arabs

WASHINGTON, D. C. (P-O)—Russians are learning the hard way that it takes more than they thought to be able to get the Arabs to work.

THE NEAR EAST Report quotes the Moscow Radio of July 6 in a despondent report of "the first summer in Aswan."

In as mild a slap as you can administer to someone who is practically worthless, here is what the Moscow Radio had to say:

"The Russians decided to organize special classes to teach Arabs the techniques of construction and masonry. Although they made all the preparations and announced the first day of classes, the Arab side regarded this as undesirable. However, they know their own affairs better.

"What does surprise the Soviet people is that local workers hasten to catch the bus immediately after work . . . leaving their tools behind.

"A strange thing happened recently: A leading Arab contractor who was to build housing for Soviet experts and Arab engineers and experts suddenly stopped work and left for Kuwait, that Arabia emirate known for its oil wealth. He sought exorbitant profits. A long time will elapse—more than six months—before a new contractor is found.

"We mention all this to point out that there are problems in peaceful coexistence about work methods. . . . Nothing could please the Soviet people more than seeing their new colleagues carry out their work enthusiastically."

Pearlman Writes 'Inside' Story of Adolf Eichmann

LONDON (P-O)—The first authentic, inside story of the capture of Adolf Eichmann, written by Moshe Pearlman of Prime Minister Ben-Gurion's office, will be published next spring.

It is reported that Pearlman will have access to Eichmann's autobiography which he is now writing in his prison cell.

Anti-Semitic Pamphlets Hit Kefauver

NASHVILLE (P-O) — Opponents of Senator Estes Kefauver, who is running for re-election to the U.S. Senate, have injected anti-Semitism into the bitterly fought campaign. Leaflets charging Kefauver with being against segregation contain the phrase: "The Jews, products of the devil, are out to destroy the white race."

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THE TWO PLATFORMS

As between the planks in the party platforms of the Democrats and Republicans, there is hardly any choice from a Zionist standpoint.

THE DEMOCRATIC platform is comprehensive, and undertakes to remove the injustices against not only Israel, as far instance in the matter of the Suez canal, but also against American Jewish citizens.

The Republican platform on the other hand is brief almost to the point of being abrupt.

Were these documents of the State Department, as official U.S. policy, there would be no question in the minds of most U.S. Jews as to which of the two parties might bring about some reform in the U.S.'s activity in the Near East and right the imbalance which permits the Arabs to even obstruct the American policy in the armed forces.

BUT THESE documents are meaningless, if the man who is to hold the reins of the U.S. government finds, for any number of reasons, that he must act contrary to the platform statements.

It boils down to what every American election finally comes to. Which of the candidates do you trust, which by his past performance will introduce the needed reforms into our Near East policies? Which, in other words is the best man to guide the destinies of our nation in these troubled times?

JEWS PROBABLY more than most, due no doubt to their faith in the democratic process, base their selection of elected officials on all-around abilities. Naturally there are favorite issues with Jews, just as there are favorite issues with farmers, or Southerners, etc.

But if an informed electorate is an essential for the wisest election choice, we think most politicians would concede that Jews are just that.

COURT TEST VALUABLE

WE CAN'T WHOLLY agree with the observation of Dr. S. Andhil Fineberg in connection with the case of the five parents in Miami who are seeking to cleanse the school system of religious observances through recourse to the courts.

Dr. Fineberg, who has a fine record in fighting anti-Semitism, suggested that although there will be stirred up considerable anti-Jewish feeling by the Miami case, much depends on the decision of the Supreme Court when the case reaches that highest tribunal.

IF THESE RELIGIOUS observances are ruled unconstitutional, Dr. Fineberg stated (P-O, July 29) then the trial will of course have been a wise move.

There is a great amount of education to be achieved. Many people who would normally have been supporters of some simple non-sectarian prayers in the school rooms, will be shocked to learn the extent to which religious observances have crept into the Miami school system.

IN ADDITION the Miami case can be lost when it reaches the supreme court, but there will be many people who will have learned that like cancer, there is no possibility of a little religion in our schools. Either the schools are kept free of religious indoctrination and the homes and churches made the center of these teachings, or the schools will be a battleground and alienate one or another of the hundreds of religious denominations that make up the American experiment.

LESSON OF IRAN

THE LESSON OF Iran is that Israel has again won a remarkable diplomatic victory. Nasser's startled reaction is proof.

Diplomacy travels on the wings of accomplishment. Israel now leads any western-oriented nation, even or especially the great powers, in relationship to the new countries of Africa.

A REMARKABLE opportunity was offered Israel when the dark continent's nations sought independence. The marvel of Israel's diplomatic awareness is that she sensed what was happening and seized the opportunity offered.

Russia seems to have realized Israel's tremendous diplomatic progress before the West. But the West knows it today.

THIS CAN ONLY mean continued gains for Israel as a state to be reckoned with by other larger and more powerful countries. Isolated a few years ago, with almost no ties to any country, large or small, Israel turns out in a few years to be the one nation that most other smaller nations of the world are will to trust.

Iran in time will be followed by Jordan and other members of the Arab League as they see that their best interests are in friendship and cooperation with Israel rather than threats and disfavor by Nasser. The next round, which Nasser and his Russian trained military forces has been threatening Israel with, may be altogether bypassed, as Nasser's star continues to set.

SHOULD NOT GO UNNOTED

THE BOMB THROWN at the home of a man with the same last name as the courageous editor of The Jewish Floridian, Leo Mindlin, should not be allowed to go unnoted in the Jewish community.

Some Jewish group should pay tribute to Leo Mindlin for the kind of outspoken editorial comment which earned him the wrath of the unknown bomber.

If not the Association of English-Jewish Newspapers, then any of the national Jewish organizations can honor themselves by honoring Mindlin

The EDITOR'S CHAIR . . .

WE NORMALLY do not print unsigned letters. But in the instance below we're breaking this ruling. Perhaps some of you readers would like to answer Kathy.

● Editor Jewish POST and OPINION

Dear Sir:

I hope that you will give me the honor as a Jewish teenager to express my opinion in a very important matter that had plagued and puzzled me for quite some time. Perhaps through your paper I might find the answer and the relief.

As a teenager and Confirmed Jewish member, I would like to know, why my people of my faith, in small communities have a difficult time holding on to a rabbi, and to respect him.

There were days that we didn't have a rabbi, and we felt lonely, and then when we did get a Rabbi, I remember that there always were people who complained against him without any reason, and drove him out. I loved the rabbi as a good teacher and my Christian friends liked him, and he was a great inspiration to us children, and whatever I know about Judaism is thanks to the rabbi.

Why then can't a rabbi remain in a small community for a long period and be respected as the Protestant minister in the church.

I always felt that the people in a small community should be thankful that a rabbi is willing to sacrifice his advancement, and serve them, and all the people could do, is respect him.

After all the rabbi is only human, and not a magician. Even Moses made mistakes towards God.

Then I'd like to know the answer to the question why our synagogues are empty, and my people refuse to come to service to pray. I always believed that prayers are the basic reason to come to the house of God, and not to judge the rabbi's personality and sermon, or the gossip of your neighbor.

I hope I am not too critical, but I am growing up, and like an answer if I am to remain a devout Jewess. This is a world for searching the truth, and maybe someone can help me.

I am now in the big city, and hope you will print this letter, and please forgive me for not telling you my full name and the town. I hape you will understand this. I am one of your devoted weekly readers.

KATHY D.

Pennsylvania.

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WHAT JEWISH parents can't understand the plight of the couple whom Carl Alpert described last week (P-O, July 29) as having made the heartbreaking move of sending their two daughters to Israel in order to avert a potential intermarriage.

Is this the courageous decision?

We don't know.

When you remember that the family in question lived in a small town, then you may have more sympathy for this divided family.

ON THE ONE hand, the two daughters, 11 and 13, will lose the guiding hand of their parents at a time when they are passing into adolescence.

We're inclined not to see this as a solution.

If the parents also moved with the children to Israel then we couldn't help but applaud, although this is no answer for the thousands of American Jewish families in small towns who cannot but help fear the same threat of intermarriage.

Only those without children would take a stand here.

There will always be intermarriage in any democracy. Love is to a great extent propinquity, and no group with common sense will cut themselves off completely from the body politic. What the Jewish group must do is to strengthen its underpinnings so that our young people will seek other Jewish young people as mates not only because they are not secretly ashamed of their Jewishness, but because they recognize that the chances of a successful marriage are considerably lessened in intermarriage.

Tisha B'Ab Recalls Dark Days

By ASYEH NEWMAN

Many of us must have noticed how our midsummer holiday vacation coincides with the darkest mourning period of our calendar. Just when we are revelling in the summer sun and perhaps in the warm sea, the fast of 17th Timmuz (Shiv'a Asar BeTammuz) comes along, marking the beginning of the Three Week mourning period that is climaxed by the Black Fast of the Ninth of Av (Tisha B'Ab) in commemoration of the greatest catastrophe of Jewish history—the destruction of the Temple.

BUT THE midsummer heat in which the holidaymaker revels, spelt maddening thirst for our ancestors 2,000 years ago, besieged by the Romans in parched Jerusalem. Hundreds of thousands if not millions of them, we are told, had been caught in the city, three months earlier. Passover pilgrims, unable to leave as the Romans surrounded the city. On the 17th Tammuz a breach was made in the wall.

But it was the internal strife between warring factions that sealed the fate of Jerusalem. The extrimists burned the valuable provisions. Some 500 years earlier the First Temple had been burnt, on the same day after a longe siege by the Babylonians.

JEWISH tradition associates other disastrous events of our long history with these melancholy dates.

"Five things happened to our fathers on the 17th Tammuz and five on Tisha B'Ab. On the former, the Tables of the Law were broken by Moses; the daily burnt-offering in the Temple was aborgated, the city breache,d a certain Apostomos (a Roman soldier or Jewish aposstate) burnt the Torah and Judean King Manasseh placed an idol in the sanctuary.

On Tisha B'Ab it was decreed that our fathers should not enter the Promised Land (as a punishment for the evil report of the spies and the people's lack of faith), the First and Second Temples were destroyed and Betar (last Jewish stronghold in the Bar Kochba rebellion 150 C.E.) taken and Jerusalem ploughed up.

AT THE TIME of the Destruction of the Temple with the catastrophe still written large in the minds of the people, there were pious extremists who wished to spend their lives in fasting, mourning and celibacy. Our Sages in their wisdom refused to countenace such extreme measures but prescribed, inter alia, three weeks of mourning when no marriages are solemnized. It is usual to refrain from wine and meat during the first nine days of Av.

The fast itself, like the Biblical fast of Kippur is from evening till evening. A whole people mourns, sitting on the ground on low stools and reciting the Book of Lamentations, the prophet Jeremiah's laments on the eclipse of the glory of Jerusalem and exile of his people. To this have been added the Kinot or dirges composed on the only too numerous catastrophes of Jewish history.

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A Reasonable Faith

"Everything is forseen, yet freedom of choice is given." (Ethics III. 9.)

Judaism, it has frequently been said, is a reasonable faith. It offers no affront to the rational side of man. It demands no belief in the impossible; refusing to elevate the absurd by calling it a divine paradox. All this is true and yet Judaism also knows of the inexplicable element in religious faith. While Judaism is not opposed to reason, it does teach that there are areas into which reason cannot penetrate. Man with his finite mind cannot hope to comprehend the nature of God. "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, saith the Lord." A perennial problem, beyond the scope of human reason to solve, is the reconciliation of divine fore-knowledge with man's freedom.

Fineberg Warns Against Blowing Rabble Rousers Out of Proportion

• Editor Jewish POST and OPINION

The view expressed by Michael Atzmoni in your July 22 issue is a commonly held belief about what occurred in Germany during the rise of Adolph Hitler. It is often said that "nothing was done in Germany" to oppose the Nazis.

ON THAT fallacious ground, American Jews are advised to stage a tremendous campaign against every anti-Semitic agitator. Too many people have forgotten that the Nazis had storm troopers who battled regularly in the streets with members of the Red Front. Horst Wesel, the Nazi martyr, was killed in one of the street riots, and many other Nazis were badly beaten up before Hitler triumphed. Heckling at Nazi meetings was frequent and self-defeating.

What was done in Germany, where Jews won over 200 libel suits against anti-Semitic agitators, printed many books and pamphlets "answering" their lies, and fought in the streets trying to break up Nazi meetings, were blunders which should not be repeated in the United States.

YOUR READERS may be surprised to learn that in May, 1927, a meeting in Berlin of 3,000 followers of Hitler was disbursed by 300 policemen, and that in 1927 a parade in Berlin in the Jewish quarter was stopped by the police. Severe sentences were imposed upon six Nazis in Chemintz that year, and a professor who advocated expelling Jews from Germany lost his position at the University of Berlin. (See American Jewish Year Book, Vol. 30)

German Jewry did not have the advantage of the experience their misfortune provided for us, nor the scientific knowledge and techniques we have developed here for combating anti-Semitism.

QUARANTINING rabble rousers has been highly successful in the United States. Hundreds of these agitators have appeared on the scene briefly, but soon passed into total obscurity without becoming known to more than a handful of people. They have not been able to annoy Jews and have had no effect on American public opinion. The most bitter attacks on quarantine have appeared in the anti-Semites' publications. They know how thoroughly it defeats them. They cannot obtain funds or influence people unless they get publicity.

On the other hand, any rabble rouser, including George Lincoln Rockwell with only 30 followers, can be made to appear as a tremendous threat to Jewish security. But do Jews want to live in a constant state of fright?

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New England Zionist Presidents Offended at Shubow's Remarks

• Editor Jewish POST and OPINION

We, the undersigned, past presidents of the New England Zionist Region, on March 17, sent out the resolution of endorsement adopted by our region, naming Dr. Morton J. Robbins as its 'favorite son' candidate for the presidency of the Zionist Organization of America. Such a resolution, upon motion duly made and seconded, was unanimously adopted by the executive committee of the region in regular session on Tuesday evening, Feb. 23. We were, therefore, very much surprised to read in Rabbi Joseph S. Shubow's letter which appeared in your issue of July 15, the references he makes to the candidacy of Dr. Robbins.

WE TAKE ISSUE with some of the statements made by the Rabbi in his letter. On the one hand he states ". . . Dr. Robbins, who is a very estimable gentleman, a fine Zionist leader in his way . . ." and on the other hand he proceeds to say ". . . but not acceptable because of the mettle and material he represents . . ."

It is our opinion that Rabbi Shubow's unjust remarks require public clarification. May we at this time mention but a few of Dr. Robbins' services to Zionism and to Israel which, in our opinion and that of many other Zionist leaders, make Dr. Robbins eminently "acceptable" and highly qualified for this position:

1) **HE HAS** served the ZOA with distinction in many capacities for the past 35 years since his sojourn in the United States. 2) He is the founder and first president of the New Hampshire Zionist Federation and is now its honorary president. 3) He is the founder and first president of the Kadimah Zionist Society of Nashua, N. H. 4) Upon his return from overseas duty as a volunteer in the Second World War with the rank of Lt. Colonel he was elected president of the New England Zionist region in which office he served with distinction. He is now an honorary president of the region. 5) He is the founder and first president of the American Physicians Fellowship for Israel. 6) He served as national chairman of the American Zionist Youth Commission—a combined venture of the ZOA and Hadassah—for three years. 7) He is the founder and president of Camp Young Judaea. Since its inception in 1940, approximately 5,000 young boys and girls received a total Zionist education there and many of them have since settled in Israel. 8) He is national chairman of the American Zionist Fund for the past five years and is an administratice vice-president of the ZOA for the past two years. 9) He is a deputy member of the actions committee of the World Zionist Organization for the past 8 years.

RABBI SHUBOW further states ". . . Dr. Robbins has had the good sense to withdraw his candidacy, for he realized that the responsible Zionist leadership of the country unanimously believe that Max Bressler was to be the choice at this time." This is hardly the complete story in the light of the fact that the Doctor was unanimously endorsed by our New England Zionist Region and he also had the support of outstanding leaders of our movement from all parts of the country. These leaders responded to one single letter addressed to them by Dr. Harry F. Wechsler, a distinguished physician and a Zionist leader from New York City who served as national chairman of a committee in formation to elect Dr. Robbins to the presidency. It must be said here that only members of the national ZOA executive committee were approached at this point for such endorsement.

Furthermore, Dr. Robbins withdrew for the following reason, as indicated in his public statement of May 18 which was sent to all who had endorsed his candidacy: ". . . my first obligation is to the ZOA, be it as president or as a worker in the ranks. I have come to the conclusion that it is essenital and important to achieve a unified ZOA front. My duty in this direction transcends all personal desires. . ."

WE MUST admit that we and the many other Zionists who expressed a desire to see Dr. Robbins as president of our organization, were deeply disappointed for we felt, and still feel, that he has an extraordinary background of achievement, making him particularly well qualified for this position. Nevertheless, we accede to his decision.

Sincerely yours,
MAX KABATZNICK
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Virginia Young Republicans Disavow Anti-Zionist Letter

• Editor Jewish POST and OPINION

I have today been forwarded a copy of an article which appeared in the National Jewish POST and OPINION on Friday, June 3, 1960, which bore the headlines "U. S. Zionists Should Register With Government as Agents of Israel."

This article was a letter signed by the Young Republican Federation of Virginia, Williamsburg, Va. I want to say that I have been chairman of the Young Republican Federation of Virginia since February 29, 1960, and was a vice-chairman for three years prior thereto. Let me take this opportunity to say that no criticism whatsoever was made of Zionism at the Young Republican state convention in February and in fact the question was never discussed. The same holds true for each meeting of the executive committee of the Young Republican Federation since that time.

I have attended most of the executive committee meetings of the Young Republican Federation for the past four years, and I have never heard any criticism of the Zionist Organization of America.

On behalf of the Young Republican Federation of Virginia I want to take this opportunity to disavow Young Republican sponsorship of the article since it is clear that no single member of this Federation has the right to write a letter such as the one which appeared in your paper on June 3 and certainly not without the consent of the executive committee of the Young Republican Federation of Virginia.

Our deepest apologies for any embarrassment which this article may have caused.

JOHN N. DALTON
Chairman of
Young Republican Federation
of Virginia
Radford, Va.

Editor's note: The letter in question came from Allan C. Brownfeld on the stationery of the Young Republican Federation of Virginia. It bore the name of Allan Brownfeld, a former leader of the American Council for Judaism. By mistake Mr. Brownfeld's name was dropped from the letter as it appeared in The POST and OPINION. We're happy to have this note from the Virginia organization disassociating itself from the contents of the letter. The American Council for Judaism reprinted the letter in its publication, repeating the error of omitting Mr. Brownfeld's name.

Detroit Also Faced With Problem Of Opening Center on Saturday

• Editor Jewish POST and OPINION

The Jewish POST and OPINION of July 22 carried the report that the Richmond (Va.) Jewish Community Center will open on Saturday afternoons for a cultural program for children; this program evidently will include among other activities, non-competitive gym activities, swimming, and movies. According to a sermon by Rabbi Jacob Milgrom, quoted in part by your paper, this compromise decision was favored by five of the six local rabbis.

Lest any of your readers think that this "heter" by the Richmond rabbis is universal, it must be pointed out that it is not. In Detroit, for example, where the Center-Sabbath question has been on the community agenda for over a year, the combined rabbinate with the single exception of one Reform rabbi has come out strongly against the opening of the Center on Saturday afternoons for any type of program. This protest was signed by every Orthodox rabbi, every Conservative rabbi, and all but one Reform rabbi. . ."

One of the unique characteristics of the Jewish Community Center is that it serves the total Jewish community; in most cities it is the only Jewish institution where youngsters and adults from all backgrounds can meet, work, and play together. A synagogue or a synagogue-camp can make its own definition as to what type of activities will evoke the Sabbath spirit; a community institution, like the Center, cannot arrive at a Sabbath program definition that will have equal validity or meaning for all of its members. A limited cultural program may appear "Shabbosdig" to some, "'chilul shabbos" to others, and entirely meaningless and too restrictive to still others.

Though the professional staff of the Detroit Jewish Community Center, where the writer is an assistant program director, is overwhelmingly opposed to the opening of the Center on Saturday afternoons for any activities, this letter represents only the thoughts of one individual who is concerned with the Jewish Community Center, the services it provides for the total Jewish community, and the meaningful survival of Jewish life.

FRANK M. LOEWENBERG
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Offers $1,500 Ark to Any Congregation

• Editor Jewish POST and OPINION

Several years ago, a brother-in-law of mine donated a very beautiful Ark to a congregation here in Springfield, costing about $1,500. This is a very high ark, the outside is finished in white with gold trim. Our congregation here is building a new edifice.

The writer representing the family and the congregation will be very pleased to donate this ark to any congregation that is needing of one and all their expenses would be is the shipping of same plus about $60.00 or $70.00 of taking same out of the edifice which is to be torn down starting tomorrow. However, this will be stored into a building for a short period of time giving the opportunity for an answer to this notice which I trust will be put in your publicaton immediately.

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Astounded By Rabbi's Comments On Egyptian Jews

• Editor Jewish POST and OPINION

The story about the position of the Jews in Egypt published in your July 15 issue is both unbelievable and astonishing. Only the other day I read in the Jewish Telegraphic Agency Bulletin that a Jewish doctor tried to commit suicide in an Egyptian jail after having been tormented by his captors.

Many excesses against the Jews have occurred in the last few years under the "benevolent" regime of Col. Nasser; these excesses were the result not only of connivance by the authorities, but also the systematic official propaganda against the Jews in the press, on the radio, and in the mosques. The measures introduced against the Jews by the Government of Egypt in 1958 point in particular to the sad plight of Egyptian Jewry. The first law provides that any Jew leaving Egypt with the intention of settling abroad will be denied re-entry into Egypt. It does not apply to any other group. Another law forbids Jews to travel between the two regions of Syria despite the "union" of the two countries.

They have been carried out by visits and searches of businesses and homes, imposition of exorbitant taxes, and other coercive measures. This is a long story and it is not my intention to give here a full description of the unhappy conditions of the once prosperous Jewish community of Egypt. It is surprising, however, that a Jewish rabbi should report the way he did without checking first into the facts, especially since his story is a complete contrast to previous reports.

VIVIAN DEAN
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Rabbi Embittered By Center Sabbath Opening

• Editor Jewish POST and OPINION

On July 22, you printed a part of a sermon delivered by one of your rabbis under your caption of "Richmond Reaches Compromise on Sabbath Center Opening." Were you to have known the facts as I know them, being chairman of the Central Virginia Association of Rabbis, and having been in the thick and thin of the bitter conflict, you would have worded your caption as follows: "Richmond Rabbis (Non-Orthodox) Compromise Sabbath in Center Opening!"

I had been in Richmond but a few months when our Rabbinical Association was called upon to issue a studied and clear statement as to the opening on the Sabbath or closing of the Jewish community center that was about to be completed. Being new in the community, my Conservative and Reform colleagues explained to me that to come out with a categorical closing of the center on the Sabbath would be self-defeating, for the center board would completely disregard our ruling.

Taking this appraisal of my colleagues as so, both another Orthodox rabbi and I, together with the Conservative rabbi and two Reform rabbis, reached unanimity on the opening of the center for a cultural Oneg Shabbat program which would exclude electrical equipment, the gymnasium and the pool.

The Orthodox contingent voted for this partial opening for the following reasons:

• There was no infraction of the law. In 1956 a committee was set up for the same purpose by the National Jewish Welfare Board under the chairamnship of Jules L. Freed, Mt. Vernon, N. Y., it included laymen and two Reform, two Conservative and two Orthodox rabbis, and they set up a Sabbath program which contained 19 different activities, none of them mentioning electric equipment or the gymnasium and swimming pool. We relied on this decision.

• We felt that in order for the Rabbinical Association to be effective and to have its authority respected by the center board, it had to present a unanimous decision.

• We had faith in our Conservative and Reform colleagues that individually and privately they would stand by this unanimous decision which was reached after long deliberation.

The rabbi's sermon accuses the Orthodox contingent in not having faith in their fellow Jews. On the contrary, we were willing to vote for partial opening because we had faith in the center board that they would respect this decision and we also had faith in our colleagues that they would not change their minds under pressure.

However, our faith was not vindicated. Members of the center's board informed privately our non-Orthodox colleagues that the rabbinical decision would not be acceptable, that the programming could be implemented without the pool and the gym. Our faith was not vindicated even in regard to our colleagues who privately informed these members of the center board that they would be willing to go along with their further demands of an open pool and gym. This defection and betrayal on the part of our colleagues completely invalidated our previous unanimous stand and destroyed the effectiveness of the rabbinical association.

Infuriated at this unilateral betrayal of the rabbinical association, I called an emergency meeting to which one Conservative, one Reform and three Orthodox rabbis came. This time we voted for complete closing of the center, three for, and two against. However, we knew that this action would not have the slightest effect on the center, since those rabbis who represented the majority of Jews in the community, had destroyed the unanimity of the rabbinical association.

As for the question of halahah, this is not the place to discuss it. However, even a layman can recognize the superficiality of the analogy of a synagogue Shabbos goy, who puts on the lights in the course of his daily work and which is "l'sheym mitsvch," for the purpose of prayer or Torah, to a Shabbos goy who would be at one's elbow constantly directed to put on this phonograph or that projector, not for the purpose of a mitsvah. Furthermore, regardless who makes these electrical equipment work, as long as it is done for a Jew, its use is forbidden. Our Orthodox contingent will also be happy to show the various "issurim" of swinging on Shabbos, Camp Ramah notwithstanding . . .

Those of us who have been long in the Rabbinate know that compromise is like a creeping paralysis. Invidiously, and imperceptibly it so dilutes our institutions, our convictions, our ideals, our faith, that we are left clinging to empty air . . .

I believe that my love for Jewish children is no less than those of my opponents. But I wish them to remain Jewish children. They can only remain Jewish through guidance and discipline. We cannot confront children with equivocation and compromise, with "pilpul" and half-way measures. We must be straightforward with them . . .

I firmly believe that deep down in their hearts both the laymen and rabbis feel that no service was done to the Sabbath by this vote. Both Reform and Conservative Jews have expressed to me the idea that a Jewish community center should be closed completely on the Sabbath. American born young people who were not afraid of being tagged as Orthodox or condemned as reactionaries were more vehement in the condemnation of the stand of the center than were some of the European.

This is understandable. Many of our European-born are afraid of being denounced as old fashioned. Some stemming from strictly Orthodox parents wish to forget their past. But I still have the faith in my people that eventually they will see the light. As you, Mr. Cohen, wrote in the May 6, National Jewish POST: "The need today is for strength of character and this we seem to lack. How far can we compromise our Judaism?" There will be a rethinking of this issue. It may take time. But it will bring us greater strength and an abandonment of compromise.

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Ramah Campers Go Overboard on Religion Until Autumn Snaps Them Back to Reality

(SECOND IN A SERIES)

By ZALMAN DISKIND

A situation you'd never think would confront a Conservative camping operation is one that the Ramah Camp in the northeastern corner of Pennsylvania is meeting with success or not depending on your viewpoint.

IT SEEMS that the camp is too traditional. But here again this would depend on your viewpoint. But nevertheless this reporter could not help but wonder at the ritual and observances.

The Jewish Theological Seminary of America, the central body of Conservative Judaism in this country, sponsors four Ramah camps. The strictly Hebraic atmosphere of the camp in the Pocono Mountains was immediately apparent as we entered the Pocono Ramah. All signs and directions were in Hebrew.

LEVI SOSHUK, the camp director, told us that there are 1,000 children in all the Ramah camps; (including 350 children at Pocono Ramah). The educational staff numbers 300. The children, who are children of members of Conservative congregations, consists of 80 per cent Hebrew school children and 20 per cent day school children. Advanced proficiency in Hebrew studies is a requirement for admission to Ramah.

Our conversation was frequently interrupted as counselors directed Hebrew remarks to Mr. Soshuk. One and a half hours of study are required of every camper. The study groups are co-ordinated by Bill Lakritz, educational director of the Philadelphia Board of Jewish Education. The spiritual direction of each camp is entrusted to a member of the faculty of the Seminary. At Pocono it is Dr. Gershon Cohen.

HOWEVER, UNLIKE spiritual leaders of many congregations whose problem is lack of piety, Dr. Cohen's main problem is over-abundance of religious piety on the part of counselors and campers. In one of the assembly halls we heard Dr. Cohen bemoaning the "distressing overpiety" of counselors and campers, to a very distinguished group of leading Conservative rabbis.

"On Tishe B'Ab, the campers went barefoot at the service and many counselors and campers even did not wear their belts, because they were made of leather (and therefore forbidden by the Shulchan Aruch). Our problem is to maintain some rationalism in the Tisha B'Ab observance."

ON THE WAY to the mess hall, where we were invited for supper, we were summarily drafted by a group of campers and counselors into a minyan for the mincha (afternoon) service which was spontaneously being formed in front of the mess hall. After this brief service, we noticed that there was an "Eruv," a ritual wire encasement around the camp which was constructed by the couselors so that they could carry articles around the camp on the Sabbath. This is an Orthodox Jewish law.

Upon inquiring from Mr. Soshuk concerning the observances of seemingly Orthodox ritual at a Conservative camp, he replied: "If a child does not observe, he does not feel in place here."

AT THE SUPPER meal, the heads of everyone were covered either with yarmulkes or some other head gear. "We do not stress nationalissm, like some other Hebrew camps do," said Mr. Soshuk. "Instead the emphasis is on the Bible and the prophets and on religious values."

After supper, we met Mr. Lakritz, camp educational director. He said that "in the United Synagogue movement, the parents are asking that better use be made of the summer for educational experience. The American Jewish community responds to the camp idea more readily than to the day school idea. The goal of our formal classes is to create Jews who are committed to traditional Judaism both in their lives and in the original sources. Our goal is to strengthen the training in religious schools in the winter."

Mr. Lakritz explained the extreme traditionalism at Ramah as being due to the fact that camp policy is set by the Seminary faculty. "This seven man faculty committee has allowed us, for the first time this year, to use the microphone on Shabbos."

Burying Procedure Proposed

• Editor Jewish POST and OPINION

The July 28, 1960, issue of The National Jewish POST and OPINION contains a story referring to a proposal made by the representative of a New York funeral director, George Guttstein, that some provision be made to memorialize in Israel those Jewish people who have passed on and been put to rest here in the United States. He suggests erecting a stone in their memory in Israel.

The concept of remembering a loved one who has departed by a suitable memorial in Israel is one which certainly should be developed. How better can someone who is near and dear be memorialized than on the soil of the Holy Land. However, the erection of hundreds or even thousands of cold, useless stones cluttering up the beautiful landscape of Israel will only carry over into the Holy Land the morbidity and depression of the old graveyard. The Jewish cemetery in the middle ages was "The House of Life," and was called the "Beth Hachaim." It was kept beautiful with shrubs and trees, which led the Christians to call it the "Garden of the Jews" (Hortus Judeorium). It has always been the practice of our people to memorialize a loved one in a useful and living manner, as for example, through the support of educational and charitable institutions.

It may interest you and your readers to know that last year Sholom Memorial Park arranged to remember all those at rest at the Park by a suitable memorial in Israel. Through the Jewish National Fund there is being established in Israel a Sholom Memorial Park Forest, where a living tree is planted by Shalom Memorial Park, at its expenses, in memory of every interment at the Park.

A Memorial Book permanently inscribed with the name of the individual being remembered will be kept at the Forest for the persual of all who may visit. A certificate attesting to this memorial is presented to the family of all who may visit. A certificate attesting to this memorial is presented to the family of the deceased and is inscribed, "As this tree grows forever more beautiful, so will the memory of our loved one grow . . . on and on, as the years pass . . . stretching into eternity."

Roosevelt Memorial Park in Philadelphia and Eden Memorial Park in Los Angeles have also accepted similar projects If undertakers or others wish to perpetuate the name and the memory of one who passsed on, there is no better manner to accomplish this than through a similar project with the Jewish National Fund — a living memorial for all time.

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Graduation Off

When four of their classmates who had doused teachers with fire extinguishers were barred from graduation ceremonies at Jerusalem's Rehavia Secondary School, the other 90 prospective graduates refused to participate. School authorites, who had considered a plea to repeal their punishment, announced that the commencement exercises had been "postponed for unforeseen reasons."

$800,000 Bequest

Walter E. Meyer, of New York, the late brother of Eugene Meyer, owner of The Washington Post, bequeathed over $800,000 to the Hebrew University. Further sums are expected by the university from the residuary estate. The university has set up the Walter E. Meyer Chair in Administrative Law in honor of the former member of its board of governors.

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